

### Synopsis of Session Actions at Regular Meeting on September 13, 2020

**PRESENT:** Moderator: Pastor Peter Kim Elders: Tom Clifford, Jerry Cole, Kathy Jones, Dianne Dalto, Tricia Bunn, Nancy Hamilton, Sharon Browning, Peter Bonney, Travis Meredith and Mary Miller (Financial Assistant)

**DEVOTION:** Tom Clifford opened the meeting with prayer.

Outgoing Elder Jerry Cole gave a brief description of the items he was leaving for the next chairman of the Building & Grounds Committee. Jerry stressed that even though he is going off session, he would be around to answer any further questions and be a helper in any way he can. We thank Jerry for his service to MorningStar.

#### REPORT OF THE PASTOR: .

Home Visit/Phone Calls: Curtis & Mary Moore

#### REPORT OF THE CLERK:

Approval of minutes: August 9<sup>th</sup> (regular); approved as read.

Attendance: 8/2 – 29; 8/9 – 27; 8/16 – 27; 8/23 - no count; 8/30 – 25 + 3 visitors

Correspondence: We received \$1820 from the Pharr Grant that we applied for through Presbytery.

#### TREASURY REPORT – (Mary Miller)

Mary Miller (Financial Assistant) supplied financial balances as of 9/9/20.

BB&T Checkbook balance \$ 10,568 BB&T Savings balance 14,564

Mary states that she sent a donation to the Alzheimer's Assoc in memory of Barbara Smith's mother from MorningStar.

It is anticipated that the 2021 pledges will be about the same as last year.

#### Recent Monthly Giving to General Fund

June – \$8,255 July - \$17,429 August - \$11,787

#### MINISTRY GROUPS –

FELLOWSHIP (Nancy Hamilton) – Two meals were taken to Dianne Dalto as she was recuperating from surgery. Lisa Pianka is scheduled for surgery Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Anne Hill's daughter says she is moving to Asbury.

BUILDING & GROUNDS – A new chairperson needs to be named at next MG meeting.

WORSHIP & EDUCATION (Kathy Jones) - World Communion Sunday is October 4<sup>th</sup>. **Motion that we order communion supplies that will be self-contained with juice and cracker included, was made by Travis, seconded by Peter B. and all approved.** We will include small snack size Ziploc bags to be used for individual trash. Communion Elders will be serving the sacrament from trays. Communion Elders for that day are Sharon Browning and Tom Clifford.

It was questioned as to whether our nursery workers had been background checked as per our Policy & Procedures Manual. Peter B. was going to look into this. He has at his home a manual from 2006. Several of us will look to see if we have an updated manual since that time.

MISSION & OUTREACH (Sharon Browning) - Sharon will ask Barbara Smith to begin to include information regarding the virtual Crop Walk in the Thursday blast. Hobby Lobby will be stocking plastic boxes to be used for Operation Christmas Child. Shoe boxes can still be used if desired.

ADMINISTRATIVE (Tricia Bunn) - Stewardship letter was given the final okay before being mailed out this upcoming week. The volunteer lists need to be ready for sign-ups by December 6<sup>th</sup> so that everyone can be in place for January and beyond.

#### OLD BUSINESS –

The previous ZOOM Presbytery meeting had much discussion regarding racial reconciliation.

#### NEW BUSINESS (Discussion) -

Pastor Kim is hoping to lead a ZOOM Bible Study on Wednesdays from 10-10:30 a.m. starting (pending) in October until Thanksgiving. It is hoped that the MSPC congregation will be able to master the art of ZOOM on their devices. Peter Bonney has volunteered to help out any member who needs help setting up a ZOOM account.

#### CALENDAR REVIEW –

**Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Ministry Groups: All Groups – Monday September 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**Next Session Meeting: Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 11:15 a.m.**

#### ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER -

No further business. Prayer was led by Moderator Peter Kim and the meeting was adjourned at 12:40p.m.



### “Ph.D.”

I will never forget a conversation I had with my dad when I was a first year student at Princeton Theological Seminary.

I asked my dad, “So, what do you think about my pursuing a Ph.D. degree?” Being a former professor himself, I thought he would be thrilled.

But to my dismay, he was upset and disappointed! He was downright angry! With his stern voice, he said, “Son, you are called to be a pastor to shepherd God’s people. You need to focus on ministry and not on degrees and titles.”

That one conversation has since reminded of me of my greatest calling- calling to pastor God’s people. No matter what happens, I will always be a pastor! I will always be His servant. And that calling will never change.

However, some things have changed in my life. Despite my dad’s stern rebuke, I have finally received my “Ph.D.” Or should I say more accurately, I have “become” a “Ph.D.!”

By God’s grace I am a “Ph.D.!” On April 26, 1998 in Raleigh, North Carolina, I was ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament. Thus, I received my “P” and *officially* became a **pastor**.

I continued to pursue my “Ph.D.” On February 19, 2000 when my wife walked down the aisle at a church in Michigan, and said, “I do” to me, I earned my “H” and became a **husband**.

And on April 2, 2002, I earned my “D” when I became a proud **dad** to our first son, Ethan, thus, I finally earned my “Ph.D.”

So, with or without a “real” degree or title, I have earned my true “Ph.D.” I am and will always be a Pastor, Husband, and Dad.

Remember my friends, degrees and titles aren’t everything! They might be something. And they have some value, but they aren’t everything!

“Be warned, my son [my daughter], of anything in addition to them. Of making [studying] many books there is no end, **and much study wearies the body.**” (Ecclesiastes 12:12) (Really...this verse is from the Bible.)

Peter Kim (a.k.a. Ph.D.)

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**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED BY THE SESSION FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP.**

# Church Calendar

- October 4** Service of Worship at 10:00 am (with celebration of Communion) Congregational Meeting following
- October 11** Service of Worship at 10:00 am Stated Session Meeting at 11:15 am Virtual Crop Walk at 2:30 pm
- October 18** Service of Worship at 10:00 am
- October 19** PW Meeting at 9:30 am at home of Mary Miller
- October 25** Service of Worship at 10:00 am Ten Cents A Meal Offering
- October 26** Ministry Group Meetings at 6:00 pm
- October 27** Stated Presbytery Meeting (Zoom)

# Volunteer Schedule

- Counters**
- October 4 Barbara Guthrie and Lynn Cromer
  - October 11 Tricia Bunn and Robert Hamilton
  - October 18 Lynne Cole and Sharon Browning
  - October 25 Jerry Cole and Skip Smith
- Greeters**
- October 4 Nancy Hamilton and Brenda McIntosh
  - October 11 Randy and Kathy Jones
  - October 18 Tom and Lynne Clifford
  - October 25 Mary Miller
- Nursery/Sunday School**
- October 4 Travis and Sharon Meredith
  - October 11 Roberta Kesler
  - October 18 Brenda McIntosh/Nancy Hamilton
  - October 25 Kathy Jones

# October Birthdays

- October 10** Zachary David Miller
- October 11** Grant Harvell
- October 22** Paula Cromer
- October 27** Bill Smith



**WORLD COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 DURING WORSHIP. We will use disposable prefilled communion chalices.** The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On this day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers.

**Peter's sermons** are available at: [morningstarpresbyterian.org](http://morningstarpresbyterian.org).

So, if you miss a Sunday, or you are just staying home due to COVID concerns, you can check out Peter's sermon on our website to stay in touch.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY** HAS BEEN COMBINED AND WILL MOST LIKELY CONTINUE THIS WAY THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR. IT WILL BE HELD IN THE NURSERY!

## TWELVE MONTHS OF GIVING –

During the month of October we will be collecting Non Perishable food items for Matthews Help Center. Place your items under the harvest tree in the sanctuary.



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** gathering will be held at the home of Mary Miller, 8412 Bretton Woods, Mint Hill, on Monday, October 19 at 9:30 a.m. Please join us for food, fellowship and Bible Study . . . Invite a friend.



\*\*\*\*\* NOTE TIME CHANGE \*\*\*\*\*



Thanks to all who sent cards, texts, calls and prayers for me during the time I had shingles. If you haven't gotten the shingles shot I recommend getting one. I did get the shot years ago. My doctor said it would have been worse if I hadn't gotten a shot. . . Lynn Cromer

## Charlotte Virtual Crop Walk - Oct 11

Sharon Browning has started a team for MSPC. Visit <https://charlottecropwalk.org/> to donate to the MorningStar Presbyterian team &/OR to join the team.



**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SHOEBOXES TO BE FILLED FOR CHILDREN ALL OVER THE WORLD!**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**